

## Basis of Issuance Tables and Maximum Allowable Monthly Gross and Net Income Standards for the Washington Basic Food Program

**Effective October 1, 2005**

This is the October 1, 2005 revision of the Basis of Issuance Tables and Maximum Allowable Monthly Gross and Net Income Standards for the Washington Basic Food program or Basic Food. Effective October 1, 2005, all Assistance Units (AU) who receive Basic Food will have their benefit level determined based on the tables.

The Food Stamp Act requires that one and two-person households receive a minimum \$10 allotment. Three person households and larger can receive an allotment less than \$10.

These tables are extended to meet the needs of certain categorically eligible households. Therefore, the amounts shown on the tables are higher than the net income limits for some household sizes. Households that are not categorically eligible for food benefits cannot receive benefits if their net incomes are higher than the amounts shown in the maximum net monthly income column.

To determine an AU's Basic Food benefit allotment using the Basis of Issuance Tables:

1. Calculate the AU's net monthly income. AUs that are not categorically eligible for Basic Food must have net monthly income lower than or equal to the amount shown in the maximum net monthly income column.
2. Find the allotment by reading in the table down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate number of persons in the AU.
3. Persons in an AU of one or two people who are also categorically eligible for Basic Food will be eligible for benefits of at least \$10, even if the table does not show a benefit amount at the AU's income level.

An Assistance Unit's (AU's) eligibility for Basic Food benefits will be determined by the following methods:

- An AU that includes an elderly person or an individual with a disability may have income up to the maximum NET monthly income.
- All other AUs must meet both the maximum GROSS monthly income and maximum NET monthly income standards.
- For elderly persons with a disability who live with others, we use maximum GROSS monthly income of others in the household to determine if the person can be a separate AU.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM NET MONTHLY INCOME *	MAXIMUM GROSS MONTHLY INCOME *	ELDERLY AND DISABLED MAX GROSS MONTHLY INCOME OF OTHER IN HOUSEHOLD	THRIFTY FOOD PLAN/MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT
1	\$ 798	\$ 1037	\$ 1,316	\$ 152
2	1,070	1,390	1,765	278
3	1,341	1,744	2,213	399
4	1,613	2,097	2,661	506
5	1,885	2,450	3,109	601
6	2,156	2,803	3,558	722
7	2,428	3,156	4,006	798
8	2,700	3,509	4,454	912
Each additional member	+ 272	+ 354	+ 449	+ 114

\* Do not use the MAXIMUM NET or MAXIMUM GROSS income included in this table as the current Federal Poverty Rate. These standards are based on the Federal Poverty Rate in effect at the time the Basic Food standards are updated each October.

For issuance to an AU of more than 10 persons, use the following formula:

1. For each person over 10 AU members, add \$114 to the monthly maximum allotment for a 10-person AU.
2. To determine the monthly Basic Food benefits for AU:
  - a. Multiply the AU's Net Monthly Income by 30 percent.
  - b. Round the result from Step 2.a. up to the next highest dollar amount.
  - c. Subtract the result from Step 2.b. from the Maximum Allotment for that size AU.